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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**William N. Brownsberger**  
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to limit public pensions to a level related to lifetime earnings

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

William N. Brownsberger

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

24th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO LIMIT PUBLIC PENSIONS TO A LEVEL RELATED TO LIFETIME EARNINGS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION ONE: Section One of Chapter Thirty-Two of the General Laws of Massachusetts is  
2 hereby amended by at the end the following new paragraphs:

3 “Inflation adjustment reference month”, the calendar month including the date ninety days before  
4 the member’s retirement date

5 “Monthly inflation-adjusted regular compensation”, regular compensation multiplied by a fraction, the  
6 numerator of which is the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in  
7 the United States (“CPI-U”) for the inflation adjustment reference month, and the denominator of which  
8 is the CPI-U for the compensation month; provided that for months or part-months after the inflation-  
9 reference month, the fraction shall be one.

10 “Monthly average inflation-adjusted regular compensation”, the sum of the inflation-adjusted regular  
11 compensation for each month for which the member claims creditable service divided by the number of  
12 said months.

13 “Annualized average inflation-adjusted regular compensation”, the monthly average inflation-adjusted  
14 regular compensation multiplied by twelve.

15 “Seniority adjusted real compensation baseline”, annualized average inflation-adjusted regular  
16 compensation multiplied by a sum, the sum being one plus a product, the product being three one  
17 hundredths times the member’s years of creditable service.

18 SECTION TWO: Section Five of Chapter Thirty-Two of the General Laws of Massachusetts by inserting  
19 before the period at the end of subsection (c) by inserting the following words: “nor shall it exceed four-  
20 fifths of the seniority-adjusted real compensation baseline.”